

INFLUENZA AND RESPIRATORY VIRUS SURVEILLANCE REPORT THROUGH April 26, 2002

- **Influenza A and RSV are being detected at sporadic levels in Wisconsin; influenza B is being detected at relatively low levels.**
- **The positive predictive value of rapid tests for influenza and RSV is likely now near the lowest levels, due to the low prevalence of influenza and RSV.**
- The number of **rotavirus detections** by virology laboratories remains near peak levels.
- Approximately 10% of respiratory specimens tested by Wisconsin virology laboratories were positive for influenza B, 5% for RSV, 2% for rhinoviruses, and 1% or less for influenza A, parainfluenza viruses or adenoviruses.
- According to the CDC, the proportion of patient visits to sentinel physicians for influenza-like illness during the week of April 13, 2002 was 0.8% nationally (**below the baseline** of 1.9%). The proportion of deaths due to pneumonia and influenza was 7.6% nationally, **below the epidemic threshold** of 8.0%.